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USSR

SOVIET WAR PREPARATIONS

During the last months, the Far Eastern Soviet armed forces seem to have changed from a defensive character to an offensive character. It is feared that in case of war, the USSR would attack in three directions : Alaska, Japan, and Korea.

This plan is evidenced by the construction of a series of new air fields in the Soviet Far East. Four airports have been chosen for transpolar flight in the farthest sectors of northern Siberia. The Vladivostok area now has 30 new airports and Khabarovsk has some naval airports, while Sakhalin has now 13 airports, including those along its coast. The Kuril Islands have now 16 airports operating, but they can be used only for fighter planes. Southern Kamchatka has four airports: three are near Petropavlovsk and one at the Cape of Kamchatka. The latter has reconnaissance planes at present.

A large airport is located near the Anadyr River, while two new airports for heavy bombers are under construction near Markovo.

[redacted] the USSR has now 3,000 planes in the Far East, including jet planes. [redacted] there are two experimental stations in Eastern Siberia, one at 65°30'N, 103°E and the other at Markovo on the Anadyr River.

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The ground forces comprise the Sixth Army Group consisting of 5 armies which comprise 26 divisions. [redacted]

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The Soviet Navy is building various bases on the Pacific coast, as at Okhotsk, Komsomolsk, Nikolayev, Petropavlovsk, etc. The USSR has a network of bases including Port Arthur which will accommodate 60 submarines.

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